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THE USE OF ANTIGESTAGENS FOR INHIBITING ACCELERATED ENDOMETRIAL

MATURATION DURING INFERTILITY TREATMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2002, Applicant's hereby elect with traverse Group 1, Claims 1-6, 13-16, 23, 25, 27, and 29 drawn to a method of inhibiting the occurrence of advanced endometrium maturation.

This election is made with traverse because the examiner has not established that an undue searching burden would be required to examine the full scope of the claims.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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